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RESPONSE

Remarks

Claims 1-5, 7-13 and 26-27 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 26 and

27 are in independent format.

The Examiner indicated that claims 6-13 included allowable subject matter if

these claims were re-written including the corresponding dependencies and the

section 101 rejection was overcome. In his Reply to the Applicant's Appeal Brief the

Examiner has withdrawn the section 101 rejection he incorrectly imposed and thus,

claims 6-13 are immediately allowable.

Independent Claim 1 is the first independent claim. Claim 6 was dependent

only on Claim 1. Claim 1 was amended to include all the dependencies of Claim 1

and Claim 6. Thus, amended Claim 1 is now immediately allowable. Original Claim

6 has been canceled.

Claims 2-5 and 7-13 are dependent claims additional features in additional to

the features of the combination of original claims 1 and 6.

If amended Claim 1 which includes the combination of original claims 1 and 6

is allowable, adding the additional features of the dependent claims to this

combination adds additional features not found in the combination.

The Examiner is reminded that if an independent claim is non-obvious under

35 U.S.C. 103, then any claim depending there from is non-obvious In re Fine 837

F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Thus, the dependent claims are immediately allowable

under the holding of In re Fine.

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 $\label{eq:continuous} Independent Claim \ 26 includes \ all \ the \ dependencies \ of \ original \ Claims \ 1, \ 6$ and 7 and is immediately allowable.

Claim 27 includes all the dependencies of original Claims 1, 6, 7 and 13 and is also immediately allowable.

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CONCLUSION

None of the prior art made of record in the Office Action relied upon or not

relied upon by the Examiner is no more pertinent to Applicant's invention than the

cited references for the reasons given above. The Applicant therefore submits that

all of the claims in their present form are immediately allowable and requests the

Examiner withdraw the all the rejections of all the claims and pass all of the

pending claims to allowance.

Respectfully submitted.

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